

arcane and antiquated and ineffective accounting system that the Federal Government has.

It is like we are trying to play a game by rules that are four or five decades old, and we know they are not any good, and we know they are artificial, and we know they do not produce the most logical outcome, but, by golly, they are the rules, those are the rules we are going to play by even if it has a bad outcome.

So, cutting your way completely to a balanced budget, particularly in 7 years, I believe can create incredible problems for the economy. And so I would urge that growth be an important initiative in that.

I don't think you reach growth by cutting the very programs that create growth, and so I hope that there will be time eventually to look at those growth areas and to be putting a growth agenda forward.

I understand this budget is going to pass next week, I guess, on the floor of this House. The votes are here. It will be muscled through. It will pass.

But my thought, though, is that after it passes, then we can have some calmer reflection in the country as well as this Congress, and that we can be talking about a true growth initiative that moves this country forward. You get balanced budgets by having a strong economy, and so as we work towards that balanced budget goal, I think at the same time we have to recognize what the ultimate goal is, and that is the strength of this economy.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, I do want to address one concern that has been raised. Some have said, "Where is your alternative, Democrats? Where is your alternative?" "We have a budget we just reported out of the Committee on the Budget," say the Republican leadership, "and where is the Democratic alternative?"

Ladies and gentleman, the Democrats have been putting their alternative out there on the line. I get partisan at this point, Mr. speaker. The Democrats have been putting their alternative out on the line for the past few years. We are the ones who passed without any help from the other party, passed a deficit reduction plan that reduced the deficit \$500 billion over 5 years, took the deficit from being almost 6 percent of gross domestic product to less than 3 percent of gross domestic product in 5 years. We are the party that put out a comprehensive health care plan that last year was attacked by this side because it restricted choice, the freedom-to-choose provider. It had too much managed care. This year they come and say the greatest thing since sliced bread is managed care. That is how they would seek to reduce the deficit.

I would say Democrats have been there. Incidentally, we are going to continue to be there. I am going to be putting forth my growth agenda. I am going to be putting forward my balanced-budget alternatives. Others of us are working to put these forward. My

hope is eventually this center aisle can be replaced by people working on both sides of it, working together, crossing over to work for a true growth agenda and to work for what I know everyone in this Chamber agrees on and across the country, the need for policies that truly put this country on the road to a healthy economy, in so doing, a balanced budget as well.

I also think it is important that these special orders at the end of the day following legislative business be taken and be recognized for what they are, not addresses to the Congress per se, but addresses to more fully expound the thoughts each Member has and to try and shape the policy discussion, very important policy discussion that is taking place here over the next couple of weeks.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. GEPHARDT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFAZIO, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. LIPINSKI, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. UNDERWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 60 minutes, today.

Mr. WISE, for 60 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KINGSTON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mrs. ROUKEMA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KINGSTON, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Member (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend his remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. POSHARD, for 5 minutes, today.

#### EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. BONIOR.

Ms. WOOLSEY in two instances.

Mr. ENGEL in two instances.

Mr. FOGLIETTA.

Mr. PAYNE of New Jersey.

Mr. BARCIA.

Mr. DOOLEY in two instances.

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. KINGSTON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. GANSKE.

Mr. FOLEY.

Mr. RAMSTAD.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER.

Mr. HOKE in two instances.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. WISE) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky.

Mrs. ROUKEMA.

Mr. KIM.

Mr. DORNAN.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. REGULA.

Mr. CAMP.

Mr. SANDERS.

Mr. KANJORSKI in two instances.

#### SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 510. An act to extend the authorization for certain programs under the Native American Programs Act of 1974, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WISE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, May 15, 1995, at 10:30 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

864. A letter from the Deputy Secretary of Defense, transmitting a report and recommendations of the task force on discrimination and sexual harassment dated May 1995, Volume I, pursuant to Public Law 103-337, section 532; to the Committee on National Security.

865. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting certification that the detail of 58 DOD personnel to other Federal agencies, under the DOD Counterdrug Detail Program, are in the national security interest of the United States, pursuant to Public Law 103-337, section 1011; to the Committee on National Security.

866. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning the accession of Denmark to the project to establish an organization for CALS within NATO (Transmittal No. 6-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

867. A letter from the Director, Defense Security Assistance Agency, transmitting notification concerning a cooperative counterterrorism research and development effort with Canada (Transmittal No. 7-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2767(f); to the Committee on International Relations.

868. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and services sold commercially to the United States Arab Emirates (Transmittal No. DTC-25-95), pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2776(c); to the Committee on International Relations.

869. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State,